

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of March 17, 2004 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1 - 8 were presented for examination. These have been rejected as follows: 1) claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 have been rejected as indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph; 2) claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 have been rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) over Masuda et al; and 3) claim 7 has been rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Masuda et al

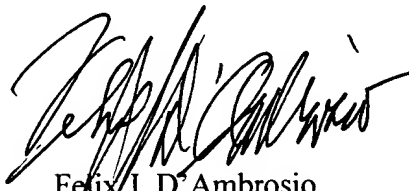
In the Office Action, the examiner indicated that claims 3 - 5 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if the indefiniteness rejection were overcome.

In an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 1 - 8 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 9 - 13, with claim 9 comprising claims 1 - 3, claim 10 corresponding to claim 4, claim 11 corresponding to claim 5, claim 12 corresponding to claim 6 and claim 13 corresponding to claim 7. All the dependent claims are dependent from new claim 9 and should therefore be allowed along with claim 9.

There remains for consideration the examiner's objection to the drawings because "reference characters '7' and '100' have both been used to designate the wiring substrate." In fact, the wiring substrates are not the same. The reference numeral "7" is a wiring substrate fixed to a side of a yoke surface of an electric acoustic converter via a sticking layer, whereas the reference numeral "100", as shown in Figs 14 and 15, is a wiring substrate on a side of a communication device, which elastically comes into contact with rear surface terminals 81 and 82 via a connector so as to electrically contact each other. The two numerals are proper since the two wiring substrates are not the same. Accordingly, the examiner is urged to withdraw his objection to the drawings.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and new claims 9 - 13 indicated as allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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